



Agriculture and Markets

AGM OUTREACH RESOURCE INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES (06/05/2023)

Outreach@agriculture.ny.gov is your direct link to New York's Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM) for independent communication, questions, concerns, and more. It's purposed to inform the historically underrepresented and underserved within New York's agriculture community.

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INFORMATION

1) **AGM EXECUTIVE OPEN OFFICE HOURS**

AGM will host Virtual Executive Open Office

June 12th and 15th! This is a time for New York's individual stakeholders in agriculture to collectively learn more about industry activities, as well as directly communicate with decision-makers. Attendees will hear the background behind *AGM Information & Opportunities* items, learn updated details on activities, and directly connect with AGM.

Register to attend June's Virtual Open Office:

[June 12, 2023 at 6:00 - 7:00 pm E.T.](#)

[June 15, 2023 9:00 - 10:00 am E.T.](#)

Should the direct registration link fail, please copy-paste the link into your browser.

2) **[GUIDE for USDA ASSISTANCE for UNDERSERVED FARMERS and RANCHERS](#)**

Learn about assistance and targeted opportunities available to underserved farmers and ranchers. This includes programs offered through the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Risk Management Agency. This multi-agency guide is also available in Spanish, Hmong, Korean, Vietnamese, Thai and Chinese.

- [Download the guide](#)
- [Download guide translations](#)

3) **[2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE! BE COUNTED!](#)**

Don't miss your opportunity to be represented. Time is running out to respond to the 2022 Census of Agriculture! This data will inform decisions that will shape the future of American agriculture for the next five to six years. Don't risk underrepresentation.

Deadline: June 30, 2023 [Complete the Ag Census](#)

4) **[NY FARMNET: HELPING NY FARMS](#)**

NY FarmNet services provides financial consultations as well as services around the social and emotional dynamics of running a farm. These services are always free, confidential, and available to all New York State farms. FarmNet also serves agribusiness professionals who work directly with farmers. If your organization is interested in offering

mental health, first aid, stress management, and programming for agricultural service professionals or farmers, **Contact** nyfarmnet@cornell.edu.
For assistance, call 1-800-547-3276.

5) **FOOD & AGRIBUSINESS M.S. DEGREE**

SUNY Morrisville's Food and Agribusiness M.S. (FAB) now offers a fully online 2-year, part-time program that prepares professionals for careers throughout the food system. The program is designed to develop students for leadership roles where the agriculture industry needs management, marketing, policymaking, and related careers.

6) **\$4.2 BILLION AVAILABLE for ENVIRONMENTAL and COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

Bond Act funding will support new and expanded projects across the State to safeguard drinking water sources, reduce pollution, and protect communities and natural resources from climate change and create green jobs! There's a goal for 40% of the fund's impacts to benefit disadvantaged communities significantly impacted by environmental challenges.

Register for the Environmental Bond Act Educational Listening Tour to learn more and provide input:

- [June 8th 1:00-3:30pm E.T. Cortland, NY](#)
- [June 26th 6:00 - 8:00pm E.T. Virtual](#)
- [Future dates and locations can be found here](#)

OPPORTUNITIES



1) **USDA SEEKS MEMBERS for FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE for URBAN AGRICULTURE and INNOVATIVE PRODUCTION**

The USDA seeks nominations for four positions on the Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production. Nominations will be open to public from May 15, 2023, to July 15, 2023. The 12-member Committee, will provide input on policy development and help identify

barriers to urban agriculture as USDA works to promote urban farming and the economic opportunities.

Four position should represent the following:

- One individual representing urban agriculture.
- One individual representing an institution of higher education or extension program.
- One individual representing business and economic development, which may include a business development entity, community development initiatives, a chamber of commerce, a city government or a planning organization.
- One individual representing related experience in urban, indoor and other emerging agriculture production practices.

2) **HIRING! HUNDREDS of POSITIONS OPEN DURING the STATE FAIR**

The Fair is hiring for hundreds of positions to help staff 13-days of The Great New York State Fair, which begins Wednesday, August 23 and continues through Labor Day, Monday, September 4. Immediate help is needed in the areas of: Guest Relations, Security, Safety and Transportation (Tram Conductors). The Fair is also looking to hire Superintendents for the Talent Showcase youth talent show located at the Talent Showcase Stage, as well as Pan African Village.

[Access job descriptions using this link.](#) [Apply for a position.](#)

3) **GROW-NY YOUTH BUSINESS PITCH COMPETITION**

Calling all middle school and high school youth food systems and technology entrepreneurs, bring your business ideas for a chance to attend Grow-NY where you will be able to pitch your business to a panel of judges.

[Application](#) Deadline: October 2023

4) [APPLY TO GROW-NY!](#)

Grow-NY is a food and agriculture business competition that identifies, supports, and funds the top food, beverage, and agriculture innovations across the globe. With a \$1 million top prize accompanied by mentorship and business development support, winning companies commit to making a positive impact in the growing startup hub located in New York State's Finger Lakes, Central NY, and Southern Tier regions.

Deadline: June 15, 2023 at 5:00pm E.T. to [Apply to GrowNY](#)

4) [\\$500 MILLION IN FUNDING to IMPROVE REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM](#)

\$500 million of federal funds are earmarked to advance partner-driven solutions to conservation on agricultural land through the USDA's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). The RCPP's seven focus areas for improvement are:

- Simplifying and Reducing the Number of Agreements
- Reducing Lengthy RCPP Easement Transactions
- Improving the RCPP Portal
- Consistent Guidance and Training for Employees and Partners
- Simplifying the Technical Assistance Structure
- Improving the Conservation Desktop
- Simplifying the Partner Reimbursement Process

Webinars for interested applicants: [Wednesday, June 7, 2023 2:00-3:30pm E.T.](#)

Application period is open: [Instructions on how to apply](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINES (use links for details on additional items unlisted above)

- **June 2** [USDA Revenue Loss Assistance](#)
 - **June 8** [National Needs Graduate and Postgrad Fellowship grants funding](#)
 - **June 15** [GROW-NY Youth Ag Business Pitch Competition](#)
 - **June 19** [Enhancing Ag Opportunities for Military Veterans Grants program](#)
 - **July 15** [USDA Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Ag & Innovation](#)
 - **July 19** [Indigenous Animals Harvesting & Meat Processing Grant](#)
 - **July 25** [Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran](#)
 - **June 30** [Tribal College Research Grants program](#)
 - **Aug. 4** [RFA: Youth Innovators Empowering Agriculture Across America](#)
 - **Dec. 7** [RFA: Education and Workforce Development](#)
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DIRECT SIGN-UP

(receive details and future information directly from the source)

[AG in the CLASSROOM E-NEWSLETTER](#)

New York Agriculture in the Classroom (NYAIRC) fosters an understanding, and appreciation of how we produce food by helping educators, students, and their communities learn about and engage with agriculture and food systems. Sign up to stay up-to-date on workshops, grants, and upcoming projects!



If you have information of value to share with others in the diverse New York agricultural community, please feel free to send it to Outreach@agriculture.ny.gov to be considered for inclusion in future messages.



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